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FIRST AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO A NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed November 13, 2003, a three-month period of response to which expires February 13, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application based upon the following amendments and remarks.

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